## **RESOLUTION 2020-20**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE COCONINO COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENTS FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF RESPONDENTS IN QUARANTINE PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 36-789, AND NOTIFYING THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE COCONINO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, an outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) originated in China in January 2020 and has infected over 80,000 individuals in China and almost 13,000 individuals across the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS, in the United States the outbreak has so far infected at least 80 individuals across 13 states, including Arizona, and has resulted in 11 deaths and is expected to continue to spread; and

WHEREAS, the contagiousness of the virus is such that the quarantine of individuals with suspected or confirmed cases of the virus may be necessary to contain the virus and minimize further spread; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes § 36-789 provides a process for a county health department to seek authority to quarantine an individual suspected of having a contagious disease to protect the public health and safety while assuring the individual sufficient due process rights; and

WHEREAS, one of the rights of individuals subject to isolation or quarantine pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-789 is the right to court-appointed counsel at the expense of the State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 11-584, the county public defender may accept such appointments from the court only if the county board of supervisors has advised the presiding judge of the county that the public defender is authorized to accept such appointments.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Coconino County Public Defender is authorized to accept court appointments to represent individuals subject to isolation or quarantine pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-789, and hereby advises the Presiding Judge of the Coconino County Superior Court of such authorization.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of March 2020.

AYES: 4 NOS:  $\emptyset$ ABSENT: 1 (SEAL)

COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lena Fowler, Chair

ATTEST:

Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rose Winkeler, Deputy County Attorney